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...from a vivid volcanic lands, arises a unique product...



LA ENCOMIENDA a vivid land..



OUR WINES the best of our vineyards



OUR CHEESES a traditional art



OUR OLIVE OILS extra virgin olive oils

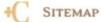


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#### ENCOMIENDA DE CERVERA

The Encomienda de Cervera estate lies in the heart of the volcanic massif of the Campo de Calatrava, at a height of between 750 and 850 metres above sea level. It is located within the distinguished cultural city of Almagro, bounded by the Sierra de Arzollar and the Cañada Real Soriana, bet ween valleys and mountains thick with holm oaks and juniper trees, rosemary and thyme. Black volcanic earth, red earth (red ochre or almagre from which, according to some historians, the town of Almagro takes its name), and chalky, stony earth are all found here. All of this, under the watchful gaze of the Maar de la Hoya de Cervera volcano, was designated a National Monument in 1993, together with the calm waters of one of the main tributaries of the river Guadiana, the river Jabalón.

The mountainous terrain that forms its three drainage ba sins has a peculiar microclimate, with cool nights providing relief from the blistering heat of the day.

Our ENCOMIENDA Orchards and Oil Vineyard and Winery Breeding Sheep



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## OUR ENCOMIENDA

The Encomienda de Cervera estate was established in around 1758 with the amalgamation of the estates of Hacienda de Cervera, Cañada de Zentinar, Heredad de Villena, Hoya de la Cruz and Coto del Marqués de Cervera.

It was subsequently joined by a fifth estate called Barranco del Puerco, part of the Campo de Calatrava military head quarters, bringing together 1200 hectares

At that time, the estate already had'an olive grove with two thousand three hundred and seventy five olive trees', an olive oil mill, a farmhouse and a poplar grove 'with some ten thousand black and white poplar trees'.

Later, towards the end of the 19th century, records show that there was a 22 hectare vineyard and a wine cellar with a capacity of 200,000 litres.







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# Vineyard and Winery

The old vineyard has been restored and extended to 50 hectares, with new grape varieties such as Cabernet Sau vignon, Syrah, Petit Verdot and Graciano growing along side the traditional Tempranillo.

We have selected the best slopes and altitudes for the growth cycle of each grape variety. Following an exhaus tive soil survey, the most suitable soil for each variety was selected from the volcanic, argillo calcareous and stony soils that are found on the estate.

All the vineyards lie from north to south in a trellis for mation. Irrigation is controlled through a drip irrigation system using humidity sensors at different levels. The care of our vineyards results in a better quality of grape and wine, without compromising identity and tradition.

The winery, which dates from the 19th century, has been restored, expanded and equipped with modern fermentation systems, all with the utmost respect for the environment and with the aim of maximising the quality of our wines.







## **OUR WINES**

The unique characteristics of our wines are the result of the distinctive character of the land upon which the vine yards grow, and of the microclimate of cool nights generated by the three drain nage basins. This balances the grapes' acidity during the ripening period. The altitude of its valleys and mountains (750 - 850 metres) also contributes to the wines' character.

The grapes are harvested selectively, at times of the day in which the temperature is at its lowest. Our wines are produced **selectively and meticulously**, resulting in high quality wines for their crianza or ageing period.

## VARIETIES



The varieties on the plantation allow our technical team to obtain the **extraordinary** wines both varietals and blends that we offer under the labels VULCANUS - MAAR DE CERVERA - 1758 SELECCIÓN - POKER de TEMPRANILLOS.



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